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1. VIETNAM

CSM'S BROWNING (PARIS) SAYS 3RD ROUND US-SRV TALKS WILL
CONCENTRATE ON TRANSMISSION MORE INFO ABOUT MIAS;WHEREABOUTS
3 AMCITS IN CUSTODY W/"BRILLIG"; POSSIBLE RELEASE VIET-BORN
WIVES/CHILDREN OF US SOLDIERS; US ECON EMBARGO VN. REUTER
(PHINQ) REPORTS ADMIN NOW BELIEVED READY LIFT TRADE EMBARGO/
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ESTABLISH FULL DIPLO RELS W/SRV. WSJ REPORTS PARENTS OF
"BRILLIG" CREW HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED UNOFFICIALLY THEY WILL BE
HOME BY CHRISTMAS. AP (SUN) SAYS INFO CONCERNING DETAINEES
COMES FROM CORA WEISS; DOS DECLINED ANY COMMENT.

ACCORDING RICHARDS/BABCOCK (WP 12/18), DOJ/SENATE INTELLI-
GENCE CMTE BELIEVE THERE IS LITTLE LIKLIHOOD OF EITHER FED
LEGAL ACTION AGAINST FRANK SNEPP OR FULL-SCALE INVESTIGA-
TION INTO HIS ALLEGATIONS IN "DECENT INTERVAL." SNEPP
TESTIFIED LAST WK BEFORE SENATE CMTE/, ACCORDING 1 SOURCE,

THERE IS LITTLE IN BOOK THAT VIOLATES CIA'S INTELLIGENCE SOURCES/METHODS.

2. VIETNAM/LAOS

SOME 60 PRIVATE US ORGANIZATIONS CALL ON CARTER ADMIN PROVIDE EMERGENCY FOOD RELIEF TO LAOS/VIETNAM WHERE SETBACKS/OTHER PROBLEMS RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIAL FOOD DEFICITS. ORGANIZATIONS (INCL NATL COUNCIL CHURCHES, US CATHOLIC CONF, LEAGUE WOMEN VOTERS) NOTED IN LTR TO PRES THAT UNDF REPORTS LAOS WILL EXHAUST FOOD SUPPLIES BY MARCH. WP'S MORGAN (12/17) QUOTES DOS THAT CONGRESS PROHIBITS SRV AID; BUT SAYS ORGANIZATIONS MAINTAIN CERTAIN SECTIONS '77 FON AID LAW PERMIT HELP TO ALLEVIATE SUFFERING CAUSED BY NATURAL DISASTERS (ALSO REUTER, NYT 12/18).

3. JAPAN

EC DIRECTOR GENRL FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TELLS BRUSSELS NEWS CONF EC WELCOMED JAPAN'S 8-PT PKG BOOST IMPORTS, BUT SAYS IT WAS NOT ENOUGH. EARLIER 12/16, EC PRES JENKINS TOLD USHIBA EC'S POINT OF VIEW MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN JAPAN ANNOUNCES FURTHER ECON MEASURES UNCLASSIFIED

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NEXT WK/LISTED 5 AREAS IN WHICH EC WANTS NEW ACTION FROM JAPAN (REUTER BRUSSELS 12/16).

NYT'S MALCOLM (TOKYO) REPORTS FINANCE MINISTRY FIGURES SHOWED JAPANESE EXPORTS LAST MO CONTINUING INCREASE ON CUSTOMS CLEARANCE BASIS WHILE IMPORTS FELL SHARPLY, GIVING JAPAN ANOTHER BILLION-DOLLAR MONTHLY TRADE SURPLUS. MALCOLM ALSO NOTES EVEN THO GOJ HOPES STIMULATE CAPITAL SPENDING, JAPANESE EXPERTS SEE THIS UNLIKELY AS MFG FACILITIES OPERATING AT ONLY 70-75 PCT CAPACITY. ADDS GOJ'S PROPOSED 7 PCT GROWTH RATE ALSO RECEIVED SKEPTICALLY IN TOKYO FINANCIAL CIRCLES.

GOJ UNVEILS MASSIVE PROGRAM PUBLIC WORKS SPENDING DESIGNED REVIVE COUNTRY'S ECON/REDUCE TRADE SURPLUSES. FINANCE MINISTRY RELUCTANTLY GAVE ASSENT TO 141-BIL-DOL BUDGET PROPOSED BY FUKUDA ADMIN, WHICH INCLUDES TAX CUT (UPI, JOC; WP 12/17).

SHABAD (NYT 12/17) REPORTS SOVIET RAIL-LAYING CREWS HAVE REACHED COAL BASIN IN SIBERIAN FOREST WHICH EXPECTED SUPPLY SIGNIFICANT PART JAPANESE STEEL INDUSTRY'S FUEL NEEDS IN 1980S. JAPAN HAS INVESTED 450 MIL DOLS IN STRIP MINE UNDER 1974 ACCORD, WHICH IS TO BE PAID BACK W/100 MIL TONS COAL.

JAPANESE DEF AGENCY ANNOUNCES SUCCESSFUL TESTING 1ST

AIR-TO-SHIP MISSILE BUILT IN JAPAN (AP, WP 12/17).

WSJ ITEM NOTES JAPANESE TIMEPIECE MFRS EXPECT EXPORT
28-30 MILLION WATCHES THIS YR--UP 21.3 MILLION FROM
1976. THRU 1ST 9 MONTHS '77, VALUE WATCHES SHIPPED UP
46 PCT FROM LAST YR TO 570 MIL DOLS.

4. KOREA

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AP SEOUL REPORTS KIM DAE JUNG WAS MOVED SECRETLY FROM
PRISON EARLY MONDAY AMID REPORTS ROKG WOULD RELEASE
HIM BEFORE XMAS. KIM'S DESTINATION UNKNOWN, BUT DONG-A
RADIO REPORTED HE WOULD PROBABLY BE TRANSFERRED TO
SEOUL HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT HYPERTENSION/SCIATICA
(WP).

WP'S CHAPMAN (SEOUL 12/18) FINDS LITTLE PROSPECT FOR HOLI-
DAY RELEASE SK'S POL PRISONERS, DESPITE WKS SPORADIC
NEGOTS BETW DISSEDENT LEADERS/ROKG. PRINCIPAL BARRIER
TO RELEASES REMAINED GOVT'S UNWILLINGNESS FREE PRISONERS
UNLESS THEY SIGN STATEMENT OF REPENTENCE FOR VIOLATING
SKOREAN LAWS PROHIBITING DEMONSTRATIONS/DISSENT. IN
INTERVIEW, ROKG OFFICIAL DENIED PRISONERS BEING ASKED
ABANDON THEIR POL CONVICTIONS BY SIGNING RELEASE
STATEMENT, SAYING GOVT ONLY SEEKING EXPRESSION OF
REGRET FOR VIOLATION OF EXISTING LAWS.

HOUSE ETHICS CMTE HAS ISSUED SERIES NEW SUBPOENAS FOR
WITNESSES/DOCUMENTS IN INFLUENCE-BUYING INQUIRY, BASED
ON WHAT CMTE MEMBER FENWICK (R-NJ) DESCRIBED AS "STAG-
GERING" NEW INFO. INVESTIGATIVE SOURCE TERMED CMTE
ACTION "MAJOR TURN" IN PROBE (SARRO, WSTAR; AP, WP;
UPI, NYT, ALL 12/17). NYT (12/18) ADDS CMTE CHRMN
FLYNT SAID SUBPOENAS INVOLVED PEOPLE W/ASIAN NAMES WHO
WERE EITHER FON NATLS/NATURALIZED AMCITS, BUT NONE OF
SUBPOENAS AIMED AT PRESENT CONGRESSMEN (UPI).

NK HAS ACCELERATED EFFORTS BOLSTER ECON, ANNOUNCING
FAR-REACHING CABINET CHANGES. PYONGYANG RADIO ANNOUNCED
THURS LI JONG-OK--ECON EXPERT--HAS BEEN NAMED PM, AND
GROUP OF YOUNG TECHNOCRATS HAS BEEN GIVEN NUMBER OF
KEY POSITIONS. NEW PM REPORTEDLY LONGTIME ADVOCATE OF
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POLICY EMPHASIZING ECON DEVELOPMENT OVER OTHER GOALS
(AP TOKYO, NYT 12/18).

LOGAN (WP) CITES DECLASSIFIED KOREAN WAR-ERA DOCUMENTS

WHICH SHOW US HAD PLAN--"OPERATION EVERREADY"--DESIGNED
OVERTHROW "OFTEN UNRELIABLE ALLY" SYNGMAN RHEE DURING
KOREAN WAR AS MEANS OF OVERCOMING RHEE'S OBJECTIONS TO
PORTIONS OF PROPOSED ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. STATES

DOCUMENTS MADE AVAILABLE TO WP BY STANFORD PROF BERNSTEIN,
WHO SAYS USG DIDN'T USE "EVERREADY" BECAUSE THERE WAS
"NO GOOD, STRONG ANTI-COMMUNIST LEADER TO REPLACE RHEE
WITH."

5. CHINA

HUANG CHEN NAMED MINISTER OF CULTURE, ACCORDING NCNA
(TOKYO AP NYT, 12/18).

DODER (WP, 12/17) REPORTS PRC RELEASE OF SYDNEY RITTENBERG
AFTER 10 YRS DETENTION. CITES BRIEF PEKING DISPATCH
(12/16) THAT RITTENBERG RELEASED MONTH AGO/LIVING QUIETLY
IN PEKING HOTEL/REFUSED MEET W/FON JOURNALISTS. AP NYT
REPORT(12/19) SAYS RITTENBERG, WHEN ASKED COMMENT IN
TELEPHONE INTERVIEW ABOUT CONSPIRACY TO OVERTHROW CHOU
EN-LAI STATED: "A LOT OF STUFF HAS BEEN WRITTEN ALONG THAT
LINE, BUT IT WAS MOSTLY INCORRECT. IF ANY STATEMENT ABOUT
MY DETENTION IS TO BE MADE, IT SHOULD BE DONE BY THE
CHINESE GOVERNMENT."

PRC, IN MOVE TO ATTRACT MORE TOURISTS, HAS AUTHORIZED
SEVERAL UK TRAVEL AGENCIES TO MARKET CANTON/KWEILIN PKG
TOURS. FOUR -DAY TRIP TO CANTON TO COST 163 DOLS; 7-DAY
TOUR OF KWEILIN PRICE TAGGED AT 304 DOLS. TOURS TO BE
OPEN TO EVERYONE, SOURCES SAY; BUT SOME PEOPLE, INCLUDING
REPORTERS, "WON'T BE AS WELCOME AS OTHERS." ADVERTISING
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OF TOURS IN HK WILL BE FORBIDDEN BY PRC (WSJ).

WSJ REPORTS TAIWAN NOW SWITCHING AWAY FROM PRODUCTION
BLACK/WHITE TV SETS/SOUND SYSTEMS/MICROPROCESSORS.
COLOR TVS DESCRIBED AS ESPECIALLY ATTRACTIVE PRODUCT FOR
ROC, SINCE JAPAN HAS AGREED LIMIT SHIPMENTS OF SETS TO
US TO UNDER 2 MILLION PER YR. AMERICAN-OWNED COMPANIES,
ACCOUNTING FOR 280 MILLION DOLS OF 520 MILLION DOLS
INVESTED IN ROC ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY, REPORTED IN FORE-
FRONT OF SWITCH TO COLOR.

6. MALAYSIA

BRITISH AIRWAYS ABANDONS CONCORDE SERVICE TO SINGAPORE
AFTER GOM AGAIN REFUSED PERMISSION TO USE ITS AIRSPACE.
SOURCES SAY MALAYSIA MIGHT HAVE BEEN PIQUED THAT SINGAPORE
GOT CONCORDE SERVICE/IS NOW HOLDING OPT FER BIGGER SHARE
REGION'S AIR SERVICE TO LONDON/HK AS PRICE FOR LETTING

CONCORDE USE ITS AIRSPACE. NEGOTS EXPECTED RESUME THIS WK (REUTER KL 12/16).

JOC'S LORENZ (KL) SAYS MALAYSIA'S RUBBER GROWERS WILL BENEFIT FROM TAX RELIEF IN '78 BUDGET. IN 2ND KL SPEC, LORENZ CITES MALAYSIAN AID TO BANGLADESH IN FORM OF ADVISERS IN RUBBER/OIL PALM, NEW AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE TECH EXPERTISE/RESEARCH FACILITIES/TRAINING FOR BANGLADESH OFFICIALS.

7. THAILAND/SINGAPORE

RETURNING FROM 2-DAY VISIT BANGKOK, PM LEE KUAN YEW SAID NEW MIL GOVT HAS MADE "PROMISING" START ON IMPROVING RELS W/COMMUNIST NEIGHBORS/THAT CONTINUED SKIRMISHES ALONG UNCLASSIFIED

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THAI-CAMBODIA BORDER PROBABLY DUE TO LACK OF COMMUNICATIONS BETWN PP/ITS TROOPS RATHER THAN OFFICIAL HOSTILITIES (WSJ).

8. SINGAPORE

JOC'S LORENZ (SINGAPORE) DOES FEATURE ON SINGAPORE'S INSURANCE INDUSTRY, WHICH HE SAYS IS EXTREMELY COMPETITIVE, CATERING MAINLY TO FAR EAST, MIDDLE EAST, SEASIA. SAYS MOST CLIENTS ARE REGIONALLY-OWNED SHIPPING FIRMS.

9. INDONESIA

IN 1ST OF 3 SCHEDULED RELEASES OF POL PRISONERS, GOI WILL RELEASE 10,000 LEFTIST PRISONERS DETAINED W/O TRIAL SINCE '65 WHEN SAID TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN COUP. REUTER'S SOEHARJONO (JAKARTA) SAYS MOVE, WHICH FOLLOWS INTENSE INTL PRESSURE, INDICATES GOI DESIRE IMPROVE RELS W/CHINA/USSR/E EUROPE. EVENT WILL BE MARKED BY CEREMONY AT MEDAN, N SUMATRA, TO WHICH FON DIPLOS BEING INVITED. NYT (REUTER JAKARTA 12/18) POINTS OUT NUMBER INTELLECTUALS TO BE AMONG PRISONERS: DR. SOEMARDJO; DR. SALEH ISKANDAR; PROF SOEPRAPTO. LIST DOES NOT INCLUDE NOVELIST PRAMUDIYA ANANTA.

KING (NYT 12/18) REPORTS PRES CARTER'S LINKAGE OF US FON AID W/SUPPORT OF HUMAN RTS POLICY APPEARS TO HAVE HAD SOME SUCCESS. NOTES LAST WK, BOTH INDONESIA AND GUINEA AGREED ACCEPT NEW HUMAN RTS CLAUSE IN FOOD FOR PEACE PROGRAM, WHICH GUARANTEES THEY WILL DISTRIBUTE FOOD TO NEEDY OR WILL USE FUNDS FROM ITS SALE TO SUPPORT THEM.

10. AUSTRALIA

USAF NOW CHECKING FOR CRACKS IN ENGINES OF F-111

FIGHTER/BOMBERS, 6 OF WHICH HAVE CRASHED SINCE SEPT/50
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IN LAST DECADE. SPOKESMAN REFUSED COMMENT WHEN ASKED IF
ANY CONNECTION BETWN INSPECTION/RECENT CRASHES.
AUSTRALIA, ONLY COUNTRY TO HAVE BOUGHT BOMBER, ADVISED OF
ENGINE PROBLEM (REUTER 12/16).

11. NEW ZEALAND

JOC (AUCKLAND) REPORTS NZG TO LAUNCH PROJECT IN '79 TO
EXTRACT LIQUID PETROLEUM GAS FROM MAUI NATURAL GAS FIELD,
OFF EAST COAST OF NORTH ISLAND. NZG EXPECTED ANNOUNCE
DETAILS SOON.

12. PHILIPPINES

FIRST OFFICIAL RESULTS 12/17 REFERENDUM SHOW MARCOS
HEADING FOR ANOTHER VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN HIS MARTIAL LAW
RULE. THO VOTES NOT YET ALL COUNTED, ELECTORATE
ENDORSED MARCOS AS PRES/PM. CSM HK/REUTER MANILA (NYT)
GIVE DIFFERING VOTE COUNT IN EARLY RETURNS (ALSO WSJ).

13. GENERAL

MCBEE (WP 12/17) REPORTS "LITTLE KNOWN GROUP" W/IN CARTER
ADMIN HAS SUCCEEDED IN SERIES OF UNANNOUNCED STEPS IN
TOUGHENING EXECUTION OF US HUMAN RTS POLICY. SAYS IN
RECENT WKS, "CHRISTOPHER GROUP"--MADE UP OF REPS FROM
SEVERAL AGENCIES, HEADED BY DOS DEP SECY--HAS BLOCKED US
LOAN TO CHILE, CAUSED USG TO VOTE AGAINST OR ABSTAIN FROM
APPROVING MULTINATIONAL LOANS TO CHILE, ARGENTINA, SK
AND PHILIPPINES.

MCBEE REPORTS WHILE RECOMMENDATIONS OF GROUP ADVISORY,
DEPARTMENTS CHARGED W/CARRYING THEM OUT HAVE ACCEPTED
THEM. ON ASIAN MATTERS, NOTES US ADB REP ABSTAINED ON
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VOTES FOR 1.7-MILLION-DOL TECH ASSISTANCE LOAN FOR SK
ASIAN BAY POWER PROJECT AND ON 35-MILLION-DOL LOAN TO
PHILIPPINE NATL DEVELOPMENT BANK FOR INDUSTRIAL CREDITS.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

14. JAPAN

IN 12/18 EDIT ON TRADE, WP OPINES GERMANS/JAPANESE CAN'T
HAVE BOTH SURPLUSES / STABLE CURRENCIES, AND BLUNT MKT
FORCES WILL CORRECT CERTAIN DIFFICULTIES. REMARKS THAT
WHEN TRADE POLITICS BECOME TOO PAINFUL FOR POLITICIANS,

"THERE'S A GOOD DEAL TO BE SAID" FOR LEAVING ADJUSTMENT PROCESS TO INVISIBLE HAND, WHICH IS JUST WHAT SEEMS BE HAPPENING NOW.

15. CHINA

SHEARER ("PARADE MAGAZINE" WP 12/18) INTERVIEWS SEN KENNEDY. ON WHETHER US SHOULD "RECOGNIZE" PRC, KENNEDY SAID WE SHOULD MOVE "QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TOWARD NORMALIZED RELATIONS...WE CANNOT CONDUCT A REALISTIC FON POLICY WHILE FAILING TO CONDUCT NORMAL RELATIONS W/ THE MOST POPULOUS AND ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT NATIONS IN THE WORLD."

BUTTERFIELD (NYT HK) DOES FEATURE ON PERSISTENCE OF TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PRACTICES IN RURAL PRC DESPITE 3 DECADES COMMUNIST CONTROL. SAYS MAJOR EXPLANATION OF PEASANT'S MEASURE OF AUTONOMY IS THAT MUCH OF RURAL LIFE STILL CONTROLLED BY FAMILY. NOTES ALSO 2 US SOCIOLOGISTS--WHYTE OF U OF MICHIGAN/PARISH OF U OF CHICAGO--TO PUBLISH NEXT YR STUDY OF VILLAGE LIFE, BASED ON INTERVIEWS OF HK REFUGEES. IN IT, WHYTE/PARISH FOUND THAT BECAUSE COMMUNISTS DIVIDED COUNTRYSIDE INTO PRODUCTION TEAMS FOLLOWING OLD VILLAGE LINES, THEY UNINTENTIONALLY UNCLASSIFIED

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REINFORCED FAMILY/VILLAGE LOYALTIES. CITES SEVERAL EXAMPLES TO BOLSTER THIS HYPOTHESIS.

16. AUSTRALIA

STOVE (JOC SYDNEY) DISCUSSES AUSSIE BANKING SYSTEM. SAYS WHILE BANKING SECTOR ACHIEVED SPECTACULAR GROWTH RATE IN RECENT YRS, BANKERS NOW EXPRESS SOME UNCERTAINTY REGARDING INTEREST RATES/FON EXCHANGE/WHETHER GOVT CAN CURB INFLATION W/O EXPENSE TO ECONOMY. IN SUM, BANKING SYSTEM SOUND BUT CONSERVATIVE.

NYT (12/18) RUNS QUARTER-PG AD, PLACED BY "WILFRED BURCHETT SUPPORT COMMITTEE," SAYING CMTE WANTS SET RECORD STRAIGHT ABOUT "MONSTROUS ATTEMPT" TO PORTRAY BURCHETT AS KGB SPY. SAYS, BASED ON REVELATIONS OF DISCREDITED SOVIET DEFECTOR KROTKOV, NY POST/HEARST PRESS EDITS/JOHN BIRCH PRESS/OTHERS HAVE LAUNCHED SMEAR CAMPAIGN, SMACKING OF MACARTHYISM AGAINST BURCHETT.

AD NOTES DOS SPOKESMAN ON 11/21 SAID USG HAD "NO EVIDENCE" BURCHETT WAS WAR KGB AGENT. AD ALSO STATES NY POST, RECENTLY ACQUIRED BY AUSSIE RUPERT MURDOCH, IS ON CAMPAIGN TO DISCREDIT BURCHETT'S TO ADD TO HIS FORTUNE BY SENSATIONALISM.

17. PHILIPPINES

BUTTERFIELD (MANILA 12/17) CALLS PHILS REFERENDUM "ANNUAL RITUAL," SAYS UNLIKELY MARCOS WOULD NOT BE VOTED REMAIN AS PRES/BECOME PM INDEFINITELY UNDER "NEW PARLIAMENTARY FORM" OF GOVT. SAYS SUCH LEGALISTIC STRATEGEMS AS REF, WHICH GIVE APPEARANCE DEMOCRACY, UNCLASSIFIED

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CHARACTERISTIC MARCOS RULE. SAYS REF GENERATED LITTLE INTEREST, BUT GAVE EVIDENCE MARCOS HAS LOST SOME OF HIS EARLIER SUPPORT--IN FEW PLACES WHERE OPPOSITION FIGURES ALLOWED TO SPEAK, THEY WERE GREETED BY LARGE/SYMPATHETIC CROWDS.

BUTTERFIELD SAYS SOME FILIPINOS, SAMPLED AT RANDOM, SAID THEY WOULD VOTE "NO," BELIEVING MARCOSES HAVE BUILT VAST FORTUNE DURING MARTIAL LAW REGIME. SAYS IT'S UNCLEAR WHY MARCOS FEELS NEED RESORT TO ANNUAL ELECTIONS WHEN UNDER CONSTITUTION HE CAN HOLD POWER AS LONG AS HE WISHES. NOTES SOME ATTRIBUTE NEED TO RESIDUAL BELIEF IN FORMS OF DEMOCRACY; SOME FEEL HE CALLED REFERENDUM BECAUSE OF CONCERN FOR PRES CARTER'S STRESS ON HUMAN RTS (NYT).

MATHEWS/WIDEMAN (WP, MANILA) NOTE HOW MARTIAL LAW BENEFITS MARCOS' FRIENDS. CITE CASE OF HERMINIO DISINI, WHO IN 5 YRS HAS GROWN FROM SMALL BUSINESSMAN TO MAGNATE, RESPONSIBLE FOR WESTINGHOUSE CONTRACT TO BUILD PLANT IN PHILS. QUOTE FON BUSINESS SOURCES WHO ACCUSE GOVT OF DELAYING GRANTING LICENSES TO FIRMS NOT IN FAVOR W/MARCOS; CITE AT LEAST 1 MARCOS ADVISER WHO ADMITS THAT SOME POL FOES HAVE BEEN STRIPPED OF LUCRATIVE ENTERPRISES BY INTERVENTION FROM PRESIDENCY BECAUSE THEY HAD ABUSED THEIR ECON POWER TO FRUSTRATE ATTEMPTS REDUCE CORRUPTION/SPREAD WEALTH TO POOR.

18. VIETNAM

FRANK SNEPP CONTINUES DESCRIBING IN INSTALLMENTS FROM "DECENT INTERVAL" LAST-MINUTE CLEAN-UP BEFORE FINAL EVACUATION SAIGON. WRITES THAT THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS LAMINATED NAME CARDS--PRINTED TO SERVE AS SEAT TICKETS FOR HIGH-RANKING VIETS ON E-DAY--HAD TO BE DESTROYED, AS THO THEY WERE "CONSIGNING THE INTENDED RECIPIENTS THEMSELVES UNCLASSIFIED

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TO OBLIVION." WRITES ABOUT POLGAR'S DECISION TO EVACUATE HIS CONTACTS/FRIENDS, ABOUT MARTIN'S LACK OF RESPONSE TO INTELLIGENCE REPORT THAT VIETS PLANNING

BOMB PRES PALACE AT 6 PM THAT DAY--MOVE THAT WOULD SURELY
DESTROY FRENCH/US EMBASSIES AS WELL. SAYS MARTIN JUST
SHRUGGED--UNTIL RECEIVING WORD FROM WASHINGTON THAT
"BITTER-END" OPTION WAS OUT, THAT EMBASSY WAS TO BE
EVACUATED BY NIGHTFALL (WSTAR 12/16). VANCE

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